

Construction of Godowns of FCI in Rajasthan

830. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Rajasthan and their capacity;
- (b) whether these are sufficient for holding intended stock of foodgrains;
- (c) whether Government has plans to construct more godowns in Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Food Corporation of India (FCI) is maintaining 56 godowns [Owned & Hired/Covered and Covered & Plinth (CAP)] spread in various parts of the Rajasthan with a total capacity of 8.91 lakh MT as on 31.1.2008 as detailed below: —

<i>(Capacity in Lakh MTs)</i>		
Agency	No. of godowns	Capacity
I. Covered		
FCI Owned	35	7.06
Hired	05	0.22
II. Covered and Plinth (CAP)		
Owned	15	1.58
Hired	01	0.05
Total (Covered & CAP)	56	8.91

(b) Yes, Sir. The existing capacity available with FCI is sufficient for holding adequate stock of foodgrains.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Requirement of wheat for distribution to BPL families

†831. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) in order to distribute wheat of cheap rate at existing level to BPL families, how much quantity of wheat is required, Statewise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the quantity of available wheat procured by Government;

(c) the scheme for the supply of the rest of the wheat;

(d) whether it is a fact that any scheme of purchasing wheat for public distribution through open market at market price, is under consideration, alongwith the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that by increasing the sale price of wheat, less quantity of wheat would be provided to BPL families which would be quite inadequate for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Under Targeted Public Distribution (TPDS), Government makes allocations of foodgrains for 6.52 crore BPL households @ 35 kg. per family per month. This number of BPL families (including Antyodaya Anna Yojana Families) is based on 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and March, 2000 estimates of population made by the Registrar General of India. Since the foodgrains allocated under TPDS consist of rice, wheat and coarsegrains, the estimated annual requirement of wheat at current levels of allocation for BPL households (including AAY families) is about 85 lakh tons. State-wise details are enclosed as Statement (*See below*).

The Government also makes allocations of foodgrains under the TPDS for APL households depending upon their quantity available in the Central Pool. At the existing level of allocations for the APL category, the requirement is of about 45 lakh tons. In addition, about 10 lakh tons of wheat are also required for different welfare schemes. If the requirement for natural calamity relief etc. is taken into account, the total estimated annual requirement of wheat is about 150 lakh tons.

(b) A quantity of 111.28 lakh tons of wheat was procured in RMS 2007-08.

(c) The requirement of wheat under TPDS, welfare scheme and calamity relief etc. is being met with the help of domestic procurement of 111 lakh tons of wheat and import of wheat.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Statement

Annual requirement of Wheat for BPL (Including Aay)

(In Thousand Tons)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Quantity
1	2	3
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.072
2.	Bihar	855.744
3.	Chhattisgarh	31.32
4.	Delhi	120.576
5.	Gujarat	441
6.	Haryana	261.912
7.	Himachal Pradesh	83.04
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	71.316

1	2	3
9.	Jharkhand	302.52
10.	Karnataka	227.928
11.	Kerala	83.556
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1292.268
13.	Maharashtra	1410.048
14.	Manipur	1.272
15.	Nagaland	10.116
16.	Punjab	117.792
17.	Rajasthan	805.74
18.	Uttaranchal	67.5
19.	Uttar Pradesh	1476.216
20.	West Bengal	869.688
21.	A & N Islands	0.984
22.	Chandigarh	0.408
23.	D & N Haveli	0.348
24.	Daman & Diu	0.144
TOTAL:		8534.508

NOTE: For the State/UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Orissa, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Lakshadweep & Pondicherry, as per the requests received from these States/UTs, the allocation of rice has been made in place of wheat.

Allocation of wheat to Madhya Pradesh

†832. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of wheat during the year 2007, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that less allocation of wheat had been made to Madhya Pradesh in comparison to the other States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The details of State-wise allocation of Wheat, including adhoc/additional allocations and festival allocations, during the year 2007-08 are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

(b) and (c) the Central Government makes allocation of foodgrains to States/ UTs under